

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising
the nucleotide sequence of the ion exchanger first disclosed
5 in SEQ ID NO: 1.

2. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a
nucleotide sequence that:

- 10 (a) encodes the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID
NO: 2; and
(b) hybridizes under stringent conditions to the
nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or the
complement thereof.

15 3. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a
nucleotide sequence encoding the amino acid sequence shown in
SEQ ID NO:2.

20 4. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a
nucleotide sequence encoding the amino acid sequence shown in
SEQ ID NO:4.